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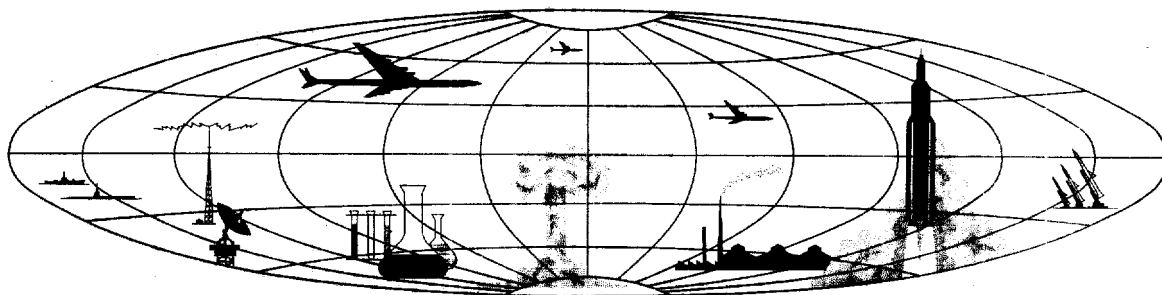
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The field launch point designated SP-2 by the Soviets, and associated with the Sary Shagan Antimissile Test Center (SSATC), has been identified on [REDACTED] photography.* SP-2 is located at 47-21N 65-28E, on an azimuth of 280 degrees from T-1 -- the Soviet designation for the 1,050-nautical-mile (nm) impact area of the Kapustin Yar Missile Test Range (KYMTR) 2/ -- and 135 nm and 280 nm from Tyura Tam and T-1, respectively (Figure 1). This location fits the [REDACTED] suggestion that SP-2 is situated some 300 nm from T-1 on an azimuth of about 280 degrees. 2/ As seen on the [REDACTED] photography, SP-2 consists of a fenced launch area, measuring 1,600 by 1,000 feet. Within the fenced area are five revetments and a launch point (Figure 2). A probable support area containing at least two structures is situated 1,350 feet north of the launch area and directly connected to it by road. Because of poor image quality, no other launch points could be identified. No electronics facilities were discerned.



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The nearest known range facility to SP-2 is instrumentation station C12B of the Tyura Tam Missile Test Range (TTMTR), located [REDACTED] within 30 nm of 47-21N 65-25E. 3/ The [REDACTED] photography reveals a fenced instrumentation facility at 47-21N 65-20E, approximately 4 nm west of SP-2 (Figure 2); this facility is identified as C12B. 4/ A graded-earth runway 4,400 feet long is located just northwest of the installation. No aircraft were observed.

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*This report supersedes a previous one, 1/ based on poor-quality [REDACTED] photography, that gave a possible location for SP-2.

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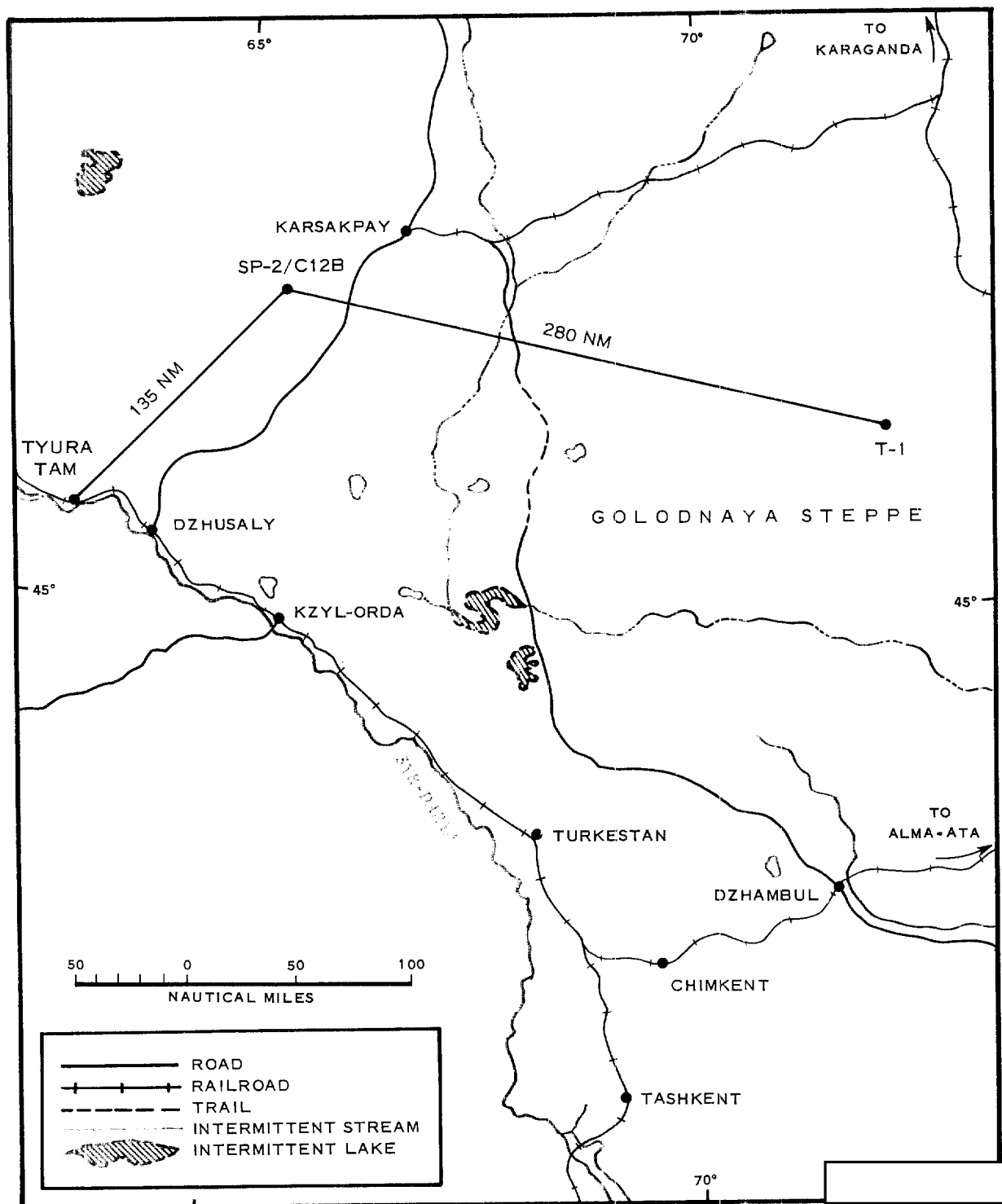


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF SOVIET FIELD LAUNCH POINT SP-2.

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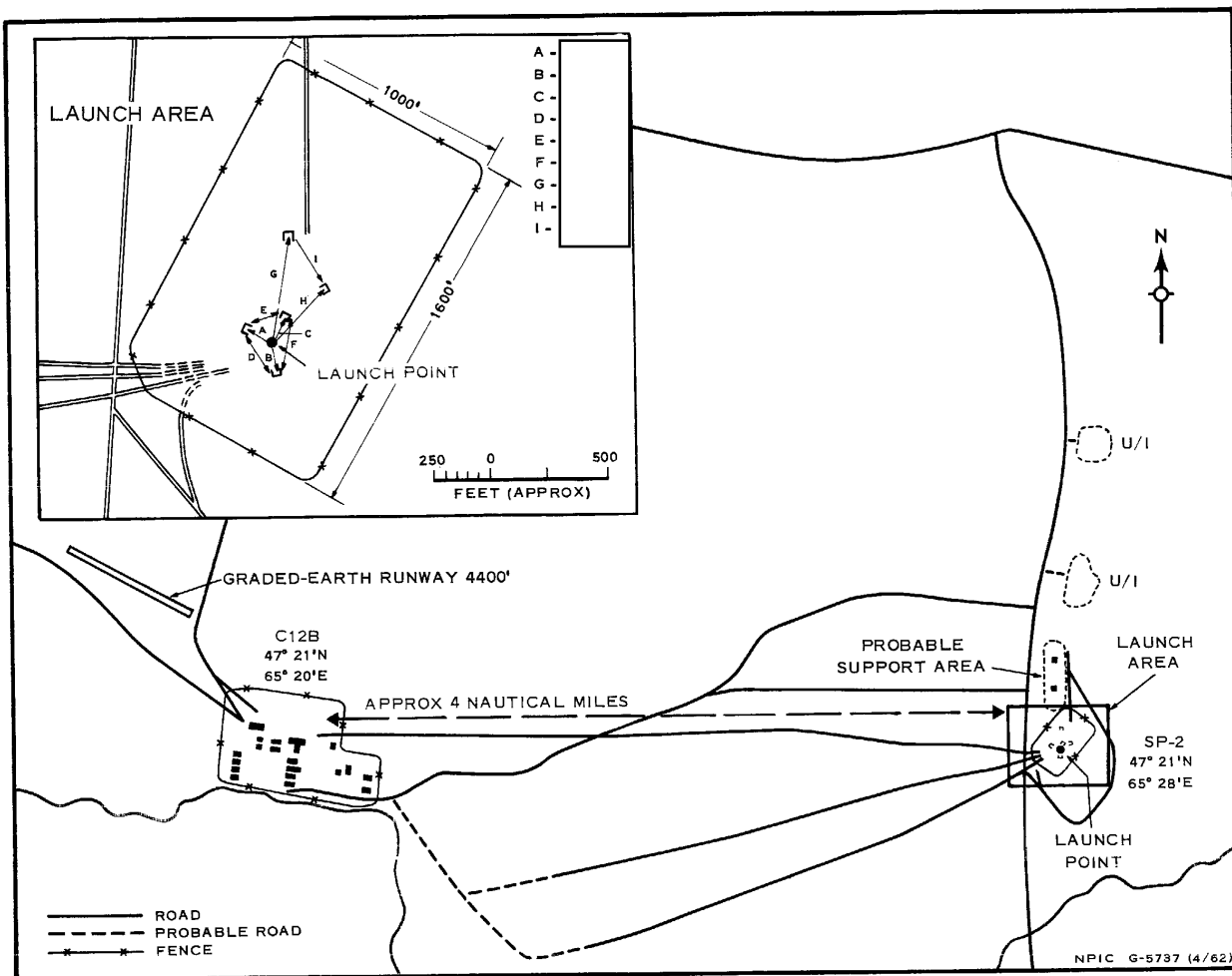


FIGURE 2. FACILITIES AT SP-2/C12B.

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